

General Property Taxes

The County levies real estate taxes on all real estate within its boundaries, except that exempted by statute, each year as of January 1, on the estimated market value of the property with semiannual payments due June 5 and December 5. All real estate property is assessed biennially.

The County levies personal property taxes on motor vehicles and tangible personal business property. These levies are made each year as of January 1, with semiannual payments due June 5 and December 5.

	Revenue Summary			
	FY 2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
Real Estate	33,610,101	36,807,500	3,197,399	9.51%
Public Service	3,700,000	3,700,000	-	0.00%
Personal Property	12,359,420	14,272,500	1,913,080	15.48%
Mobile Homes	31,000	31,000	-	0.00%
Machinery & Tools	1,530,765	1,350,000	(180,765)	-11.81%
Boats	25,000	25,000	-	0.00%
Penalties	290,000	350,000	60,000	20.69%
Interest	100,000	100,000	-	0.00%
Penalty/Int Utility Excess	900	-	(900)	-100.00%
Tax Sale	100	-	(100)	-100.00%
Total	<u>51,647,286</u>	<u>56,636,000</u>	<u>4,988,714</u>	9.66%

FY2003 Budget Comments

The increase in real estate tax revenue is due to the reassessment of real property and new construction. Personal property tax revenues are expected to increase because of growth in the County.

Other Local Taxes

Local Sales Taxes

The County levies a one percent (1%) local option sales and use tax on retail transactions. Businesses remit this tax to the State Tax Commissioner along with the three and one half percent (3-1/2%) State sales tax. The State disburses the tax to the localities on a monthly basis.

Lodging and Meals Tax

The transient occupancy tax of five percent (5%) is paid for any room rented on a short-term basis. These revenues are generated primarily by hotels and motels within the County. Sixty percent (60%) of the revenues collected are earmarked for tourism activities. This tax is collected monthly.

A four percent (4%) tax is levied on prepared food and beverages sold for human consumption in the County. This tax is collected monthly.

Business Licenses

The County requires all persons conducting any business, profession, trade, or occupation to have a license. The Commissioner of Revenue computes the amount of license tax and after payment to the Treasurer, the license is issued.

Other Local Taxes

Other local taxes include an annual license fee on every motor vehicle, trailer, and semi-trailer garaged, stored or parked in the County. Fees range from \$15.00 for motorcycles to \$23.00 for passenger cars. Other local taxes also include a bank franchise tax imposed on banks located within the County based on their net capital, a franchise tax on cable television services, a recordation tax on each taxable instrument recorded in the County and a surcharge of \$2.18 per month for enhanced E911 service for each line provided by a telephone company.

Other Local Taxes (continued)

	Revenue Summary			
	FY2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
Local Sales Tax	4,901,100	4,950,000	48,900	1.00%
Lodging Tax	1,941,060	1,950,000	8,940	0.46%
Meals Tax	2,960,040	3,000,000	39,960	1.35%
Business Licenses	3,205,665	3,255,600	49,935	1.56%
Motor Vehicle Licenses	1,140,200	1,145,200	5,000	0.44%
Cable Franchise Tax	405,000	455,000	50,000	12.35%
Bank Franchise Tax	140,000	140,000	-	0.00%
Recordation Tax	805,000	880,000	75,000	9.32%
E-911 Surcharge	795,000	800,000	5,000	0.63%
Miscellaneous	101,000	112,000	11,000	10.89%
Total	<u>16,394,065</u>	<u>16,687,800</u>	<u>293,735</u>	1.79%

FY2003 Budget Comments

As the revenue projections shown above indicate, the County's economy is expected to remain moderate during FY2003.

Permits, Privilege Fees and Regulatory Licenses

The County requires permits, inspections, and fees on construction and alterations of all buildings in the County. Permits include building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical. Other licenses and fees include dog licenses and fees for zoning, plan review, land transfers, plat and land use.

	Revenue Summary			
	FY2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
Inspection Fees	563,350	581,350	18,000	3.20%
Permits, Fees & Licenses	91,050	91,550	500	0.55%
Total	654,400	672,900	18,500	2.83%

FY2003 Budget Comments

Construction activity in the County is expected to continue at a moderate rate.

Fines and Forfeitures

The County imposes fines on individuals charged with violations of County ordinances. These include court and parking fines and court assessments.

	Revenue Summary			
	FY2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
Fines & Forfeitures	118,600	118,600	-	0.00%

FY2003 Budget Comments

No growth is projected for fines and forfeitures for FY2003.

Revenue From Use of Money and Property

Revenue from Use of Money

The County Treasurer uses an aggressive cash management program investing temporarily idle funds in repurchase agreements and other instruments secured or collateralized by government securities.

Revenue from Use of Property

The County receives revenue from the rental of its facilities, such as for the Human Services building, as well as the sale of surplus property.

	Revenue Summary		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	FY2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed		
Use of Money	1,400,000	1,200,000	(200,000)	-14.29%
Use of Property	302,000	297,500	(4,500)	-1.49%
Total	<u>1,702,000</u>	<u>1,497,500</u>	<u>(204,500)</u>	-12.02%

FY2003 Budget Comments

Use of Money, Interest Earnings, shows a decline for FY2003. The decrease in Use of Property is attributable to the County rental property on Cook Road being transformed into a museum.

Charges for Services

The County collects revenues for services exclusive of enterprise fund activities. These sources include fees charged by the Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Parks & Recreation activities and Library services.

	Revenue Summary			
	FY2002	FY2003	Dollar	Percentage
	Original	Proposed	Change	Change
Clerk of Court Excise Fees	110,000	120,000	10,000	9.09%
Commwealth's Attny Fees	4,000	4,000	-	0.00%
Law Enforcement Fees	12,000	12,000	-	0.00%
Parks & Recreation Fees	382,300	396,200	13,900	3.64%
Library Fines & Fees	44,000	51,000	7,000	15.91%
Other	3,700	8,300	4,600	124.32%
Total	<u>556,000</u>	<u>591,500</u>	<u>35,500</u>	6.38%

FY2003 Budget Comments

A change in this area is due to an increase in participation in the Parks & Recreation programs and in the collection of library fines.

Fiscal Agent & Administrative Service Fees

The County is the fiscal agent for various agencies such as the Colonial Services Board and the Colonial Group Home Commission. The County receives a fee of one percent (1%) of their non-capital expenditures for providing this service. Additionally, administrative costs are recovered from the County's enterprise funds. These recoveries are reported in this category.

	Revenue Summary		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	FY2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed		
Fiscal Agent Fees	123,860	139,000	15,140	12.22%

FY2003 Budget Comments

A moderate increase is anticipated in this area.

Miscellaneous Revenues

Revenues received from various sources that are not required to be accounted for in a separate revenue code. These include donations for Bike Patrol and the Dare Program in the Sheriff's office, Fire and Rescue, Beautification, Safety Town Program and the Library; return check fees collected by the Treasurer; and other miscellaneous revenues.

	Revenue Summary		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	FY2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed		
Miscellaneous	60,100	59,600	(500)	-0.83%

FY2003 Budget Comments

The decrease anticipated in this area is minimal.

Recovered Costs

The County is reimbursed for costs associated with court services and streetlights.

	Revenue Summary		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	FY2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed		
Poquoson Shared Costs	123,000	123,000	-	0.00%
Streetlight Program	30,500	31,000	500	1.64%
Total	<u>153,500</u>	<u>154,000</u>	<u>500</u>	0.33%

FY2003 Budget Comments

The increase in this area is minimal.

Revenue from the Commonwealth Non-Categorical Aid

The County receives a share of certain revenues collected by the Commonwealth. These revenues include ABC and Wine Profits, Mobile Home Taxes and Rolling Stock Taxes.

	Revenue Summary			
	FY2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
ABC Profit	130,000	130,000	-	0.00%
Wine Profit	64,000	64,000	-	0.00%
Mobile Home Taxes	24,000	24,000	-	0.00%
Rolling Stock Taxes	20,000	20,000	-	0.00%
Total	<u>238,000</u>	<u>238,000</u>	<u>-</u>	0.00%

FY2003 Budget Comments

No change is expected in this area.

Revenue from the Commonwealth Shared Expenses - Categorical Aid

The County receives revenues from the Commonwealth for the State's share of expenditures in joint activities. These include the Commonwealth's Attorney, Commissioner of the Revenue, Treasurer, Registrar, Sheriff and Clerk of Court.

	Revenue Summary			
	FY2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
Commonwealth's Attorney	444,563	444,500	(63)	-0.01%
Commissioner of Revenue	186,086	179,700	(6,386)	-3.43%
Treasurer	173,317	171,300	(2,017)	-1.16%
Medical Examiner	160	200	40	25.00%
General Registrar	47,000	50,000	3,000	6.38%
Sheriff	2,178,261	2,176,438	(1,823)	-0.08%
Civil Defense	44,000	44,000	-	0.00%
Clerk of the Court	360,527	360,000	(527)	-0.15%
Total	<u>3,433,914</u>	<u>3,426,138</u>	<u>(7,776)</u>	-0.23%

FY2003 Budget Comments

The reimbursement from the State Compensation Board for FY2003 for the Constitutional Officers is declining due to staff turnover and the decline in our benefits reimbursement due to the lowering of the County's retirement rate.

Revenue from the Commonwealth Categorical Aid

The County receives revenues from the Commonwealth designated for specific uses. These revenues include amounts received for the Library and housing improvement.

	Revenue Summary			
	FY2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
Housing Section 8	32,000	32,000	-	0.00%
Moderate Rehabilitation	44,000	44,000	-	0.00%
VJCCA	155,444	155,444	-	0.00%
Library Grants	204,000	204,000	-	0.00%
Wireless E-911	51,077	72,000	20,923	40.96%
Other	26,800	20,000	(6,800)	-25.37%
Total	<u>513,321</u>	<u>527,444</u>	<u>14,123</u>	2.75%

FY2003 Budget Comments

The increase in the Wireless E-911 program represents the State reimbursement for additional personnel.

Revenue from the Commonwealth Grant Awards

The County is awarded grants from various Commonwealth departments for specific uses. These grants include awards from the Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Department of Housing and Community Development and various other departments of the Commonwealth.

	Revenue Summary			
	FY2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
Two for Life	23,000	23,000	-	0.00%
Fire Protection	55,000	65,000	10,000	18.18%
DCJS Programs	124,000	124,000	-	0.00%
Emergency Home Repair	10,000	10,000	-	0.00%
Emergency Service	15,000	20,000	5,000	33.33%
Miscellaneous	100	-	(100)	-100.00%
Total	<u>227,100</u>	<u>242,000</u>	<u>14,900</u>	6.56%

FY2003 Budget Comments

Funding for this category is expected to increase for Fire Protection and Emergency Services.

Revenue from the Federal Government

Payment in Lieu of Taxes

The County imposes a service charge upon real estate that is exempt from property taxation.

Sheriff – Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant

The Sheriff received a grant for three years as part of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Universal Hiring Program grant. The grant enabled the Sheriff to hire six additional deputies in FY2002.

	Revenue Summary			
	FY2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percentage Dollar
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,000	3,000	-	0.00%
Sheriff-COPS Grant	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	-	0.00%
Total	<u>153,000</u>	<u>153,000</u>	-	0.00%

FY2003 Budget Comments

No increases are projected in this area.

Other Financing Sources

Transfer Appropriations

The School Board has contracted with the County:

- Maintain the school grounds and athletic fields
- With the Sheriff's office:
 - School Resource Officers at each high school facility
 - DARE middle school officer
- Video services operations

	Revenue Summary			
	FY2002 Original	FY2003 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
Insurance Recovery	10,000	10,000	-	0.00%
Transfer Appropriations	<u>1,200,232</u>	<u>1,164,097</u>	<u>(36,135)</u>	-3.01%
Total	<u>1,210,232</u>	<u>1,174,097</u>	<u>(36,135)</u>	-2.99%

FY2003 Budget Comments

The changes reflected in this category are due to funding from the Schools for the maintenance of the school grounds, for support of two programs contracted with the Sheriff's Office: School Resource Officers in the high schools and the DARE middle school program, and for support of the Video Services operation.